

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, George Shanard was first appointed to the South Dakota Transportation Commission in 1995, and served continuously on the commission, holding positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, until May 2005; and,

Whereas, George was born and raised in Bridgewater, South Dakota, and graduated from Bridgewater High School. He served his country during World War II in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater from 1944 to 1946 and earned the Victory Medal, American Area Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon; and,

Whereas, After his discharge from the Navy, George attended and graduated from the University of South Dakota and put his business administration degree to work in the operation of Shanard, Inc., eventually expanding the business to Mitchell, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, George is known for his booming sports broadcasting voice for the USD Coyotes and later as the silver-tongued orator in Pierre during legislative sessions; and,

Whereas, George represented Davison County for 18 years in the South Dakota Senate, holding the Assistant Majority Leader and Majority Leader positions. He also served on the LRC Executive Board as a member, Vice-Chairman and Chairman. George was instrumental in passing many major pieces of legislation to benefit the citizens of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, In 1999, George was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame for his contributions in agriculture. George is also an active civic leader and works tirelessly in the promotion of tourism, especially noted in his efforts to bring Cabelas to Mitchell and spur economic growth; and,

Whereas, George is a loving husband to his wife, Neva, and a talented, hard working, intelligent and fun loving father who fights for what he believes in and has worked not only for the future of his children, but for the future of all South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, His fellow commissioners, DOT staff, and all the people of South Dakota who have benefited from George's exemplary service as a DOT commissioner are grateful for his contributions to our state:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2005, as

GEORGE SHANARD DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest
Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State